Initial Damage Reporting



Housekeeping

- Restrooms...
- Cell phones...
- In case of emergency....







Purpose

This program is to provide information related to:

- The Initial Damage Assessment process
- Discussion of the roles and impact of local and county government.

References

- FEMA Damage Assessment Operations Manual
- PEMA Directive D2017-03 Commonwealth Damage Reporter

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This course consists of the following 3 modules:

- 1. What is Damage Assessment
- 2. Damage Reporting Process
- 3. Damage Categories
 - Individual Assistance (IA) Based on impact, number of homes Destroyed/Major damage and impact.
 - Public Assistance (PA) Based on per capita and <u>impact</u>.
 - Impact Statement
 - Hazard Mitigation

During the crucial initial local damage assessment, responders determine:

- Incident events and extent of impact
- Hardest hit areas
- Locations that need the fastest response
- Impact to businesses, residents, and property
- Unmet needs

Damage assessment is defined as "the appraisal of the effects of any disaster."

Damage assessment is used to determine:

- Whether local resources are capable of handling the disaster
- The urgency, priority, and need for additional resources
- If a disaster declaration is required

Types of incidents that may warrant damage assessment:

- Fires
- **Floods**
- Wind Storm / Tornado Earthquakes
- Snow / Ice / Blizzards

- Hazardous Materials Spill
- Civil Unrest / Terrorism



Gum Tree Rd, Chanceford Twp



Kreutz Creek Rd, Hellam Twp

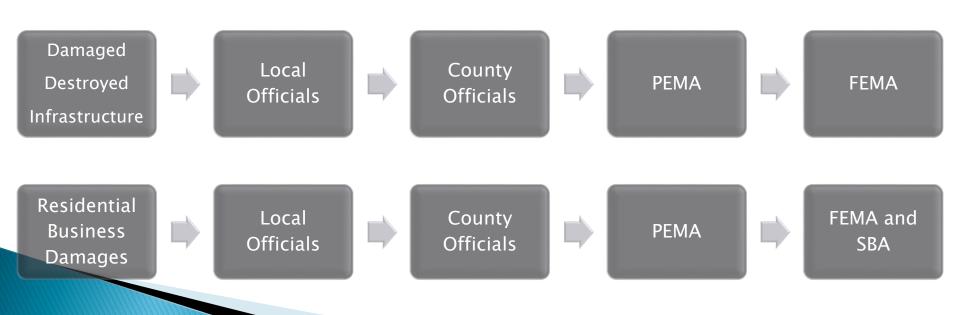


River Dr, Hellam Twp



Mill Rd, Chanceford Twp

Damage Reporting is a collaborative process that engages local, county, state, and federal agencies.



Municipal Reporting:

Damage is reported at the local level to the county. Information reported includes:

- Resources needed to respond
- Extent of damage
- Location of damage
- Possible time of day
- Details of the incident

Submit using York County Damage Form 1

Email to damage@ycdes.org

York County Damage Form 1

Change/update		York County I	amage Form 1
Initial Damage Report- Public Assistance			
MUNICIPALITY/ORGANIZATION:			
ACILITY NAME: Main St Culvert, Smith Rd Bridge, etc.)			
ACILITY LOCATION:			
Address, mile marker, intersection, or GPS/lat and long cod CITY:	•	PA 7IP	
CONTACT NAME:			
Damage Type			
Bridge/Culvert		Public Building	
County/Municipal Owned Property		Road	
Debris Removal		Sanitary Sewer	
Emergency Protective Measure		School	
Fire/Police/EMS Facility		Sewer Treatment	
Hospital		Storm Sewer	
Nursing Home		Water Control Facility	
Park/Recreational Area		Water Supply	
Power Supply		Water Treatment	
Church		Non-Profit Organization	
Other			
Flood Plain: Yes No Unknown Historic: Yes No Unknown			
Hazmat: □Yes□ No□ Unknown Insured: □Yes□ No□ Unknown			
Wetland: ☐Yes ☐No ☐Unknown	n Mitigatio	n: Yes No D Unk	nown
Damage Description:			
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Damage Impact (detours, citizens, schools, critical facilities, etc):			
Cost to repair the facility back to its pre-disaster	state:	% Comple	te:
Vlaterial, labor, etc. to repair the facility back to its <i>pre-disaster</i> state:			

Individual Reporting- Windshield Survey

- Speed is important
- Be prepared
 - > Maps
 - > Camera
 - > GPS
- Two person team
 - > Driver
 - > Recorder
- Remain in the vehicle

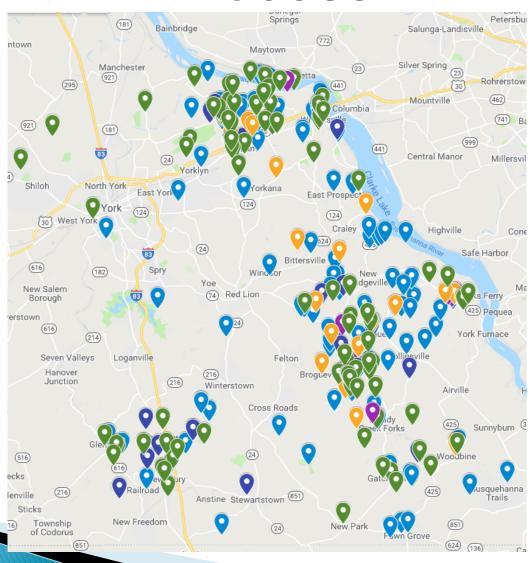


Online Damage Reporter

Individual- https://goo.gl/forms/XZoHLBA6c3Wvjv2o1

Damage Reporting Flyer





Public Assistance

- FEMA, SBA, PEMA join OEM and local EMA for a Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment (JPDA)
- Meet with local municipal official who has knowledge of repairs that occurred or need to occur (Roadmaster, manager, etc.)
- Go site to site to verify damage

Individual Assistance

- FEMA, SBA, PEMA join OEM and local EMA for a Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment (JPDA)
- Meet with residents if possible
- Go site to site to verify damage

- Federally supported recovery program. If PA receives a Federal Declaration.
- Designed to provide supplemental assistance to state, tribal, and local governments
- Federal shares of funding is 75% with a 25% nonfederal match required. Depending on disaster.
- Grants available for:
 - Emergency work
 - Permanent work

- Emergency Work
 - (Category A) Debris Removal
- Tree and wood brush
- Building wreckage
- Sand, mud, silt, and gravel
- Vehicles and other recovery-related materials
 - To be eligible, the debris removal must meet one of the following criteria:
- Eliminate immediate threat to life safety, public or private property preservation
- Ensure economic recovery

- Emergency Work (Continued)
 - (Category B) Emergency Protective Measures
 – activities
 undertaken by a community prior to, during, and
 following a disaster. These include actions to:
 - Eliminate or reduce an immediate threat to human life
 - Eliminate or reduce and immediate threat of significant damage to public or private property
 - o Common actions include:
 - Search and rescue, emergency medical care, mass sheltering, security, food/water/ice provisions, temporary facilities, state or local EMC activations

- Permanent Work
 - (Category C) Roads and Bridges
 – eligible items include:
 - Surfaces, bases, shoulders, ditches, decking, piers, girders, abutments, slope protection
 - Only repairs to disaster-related damage are deemed eligible
 - (Category D) Water Control facilities eligible items includes:
 - Dams, reservoirs, levees, drainage channels, pumping facilities, irrigations facilities

- Permanent Work (Continued)
 - (Category E) Buildings and Equipment
 include content,
 utility systems, consumables, and debris removal
 - Consideration may be given to any existing insurance policies prior to funding.
 - If <u>damaged greater than 50%</u>, authority is given to FEMA to replace with a pre-disaster capability structure.
 - (Category F) Utilities
 - Water treatment plant and delivery systems, power generation, and sewage collection systems

- Permanent Work (Continued)
 - (Category G): Parks, Recreation, and Other Areas
 - Playground equipment, swimming pools, tennis courts, docks and piers, picnic and golf areas, churches, non-profits

Small Projects – \$3200.00

Note: Can be combination A-G. If a municipality doesn't reach the \$3200.00, it wont be included in overall county/state total.

- Step one
 - Local emergency management conducts a windshield survey (damages and impact)
 - Scope of damage Size of the areas that have been impacted
 - Severity of damage Damaged, Destroyed
 - Impact to the local jurisdiction Impact on government functions
 - Data collected is submitted to county emergency management agency to be combined with other jurisdictions' data

Six Steps of Public Assistance

- Per capita loss must meet state threshold
 - County \$3.78 per capita = damage required for county to be declared

(York County needs approx. \$1.6 million in damages)

 State \$1.50 Pa per capita = damage required for Pennsylvania to be declared

(Pa. needs approximately \$19.1 million in damages)

Then Information is transmitted to PEMA

- Step two
 - O PEMA provides a review of data to determine:
 - Unmet needs
 - Threshold limits met
 - PEMA submits to the Governor a request for a Federal Declaration
 - FEMA / PEMA Preliminary Damage
 Assessment teams confirm findings through on-site assessment (JPDA)

- Step three
 - Presidential Declaration approved
 - Public notification of declaration and types of awards available
- Step four
 - PEMA arranges for an applicant briefing
 - Explanation of how the program will work
 - Invitations to all eligible agencies impacted by the event

- Step five
 - Applicant briefing followed by a kick-off meeting
 - Paperwork compiled and submitted from local agencies to the state/federal government for consideration
 - All documentation and supporting materials submitted prior to closeout date
- Step six
 - FEMA reviews final documentation and allocated funding to the state for approved reimbursements

Module 3: Damage Categories Individual Assistance (IA)

- Federally supported recovery program if Pennsylvania receives a Federal Declaration.
- Based on number of major and destroyed homes and businesses, plus impact. No magic number!
- Designed to assist organizations / persons who lack adequate insurance coverage
 - Individuals / Families
 - Businesses
- Designed to meet the critical expenses not covered by other means
- Not intended to restore personal property to pre-disaster condition

Programs included in IA:

- Low-Interest loans
 - Covers expenses not covered by state/local programs or private insurance
- Individual and Family Grant Program (IFG)
 - Provides cash grants to support families and individuals not covered elsewhere
- Veterans Benefits
 - Provides death benefits, pensions, insurance settlements, and mortgage adjustments for veterans fellowing a disaster

IA programs include (continued):

- Temporary Housing Assistance
 - Supports individuals with homes that have sustained damage until repairs can be made
- Tax Refunds
 - Support through loss deductibles on federal taxes
- Unemployment Benefits
 - Assistance for residents who sustained loss of employment due to the incident

IA programs include (continued):

- Legal Counsel
 - Provide free legal advice for low-income families
- Crisis Counseling
 - Provide relief of any grief, stress, or mental health issues caused or aggravated by the incident
- Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL)
 - Financial assistance for groups of businesses impacted by disaster

The severity of the damage of a structure is assessed according to the following categories:

- Affected
- Minor
- Major
- Destroyed
- Inaccessible

Affected: Conventionally built structures

This category includes residences with minimal damage to the exterior of the home and nonessential basements. Residents can remain in the structure. Some examples of affected damage include:

- Partial missing shingles or siding (non-continuous/sporadic), home kept roof structure intact
- Cosmetic damage such as paint discoloration or loose siding
- Broken screens
- Gutter damage and debris
- Damage to an attached structure such as a porch, carport, garage, or outbuilding not for commercial use

Affected: Conventionally built structures

This category includes residences with minimal damage to the exterior of the home and nonessential basements. Residents can remain in the structure. Some examples of affected damage include:

- Damage to landscaping, retaining walls, or downed trees that do not affect access to the residence or has not collapse into residence
- Any water line in the crawl space or basement when essential living space or mechanical components are not damaged or submerged



Minor: Conventionally built structures

Minor damage encompasses a wide range of damage that does not affect the structural integrity of the residence. Some examples of minor damage include:

- Nonstructural damage to roof components over essential living space to include large areas of shingles e.g. roof covering, fascia board, soffit, flashing, and skylight
- Nonstructural damage to the interior wall components to include drywall, insulation; exterior components to include house wrap, missing doors, broken window framings; or substantial loss of exterior covering, such as missing siding, vinyl, stucco, etc.
- Multiple small vertical cracks in the foundation

Minor: Conventionally built structures

Minor damage encompasses a wide range of damage that does not affect the structural integrity of the residence. Some examples of minor damage include:

- Damage to chimney to include, tilting, fallen, cracks, or separated from the residence
- Damage to or submersion of mechanical components, e.g. furnace, boiler, water heater, HVAC, electrical panel, pressure tanks or well pressure switch, etc.
- Water line less than 18 inches in an essential living space
- Damage or disaster related contamination to a private well or septic system



Major: Conventionally built structures

NOTE: One photo per dwelling is requested in this category.

A residence may be categorized as having major damage when it has sustained significant structural damage and requires extensive repairs. Some examples of major damage include:

- Failure or partial failure to structural elements of the roof to include rafters, ceiling joists, ridge boards, etc.
- Failure or partial failure to structural elements of the walls to include framing, sheathing, etc.

Major: Conventionally built structures

NOTE: One photo per dwelling is requested in this category.

A residence may be categorized as having major damage when it has sustained significant structural damage and requires extensive repairs. Some examples of major damage include:

- Failure or partial failure to foundation to include crumbling, bulging, collapsing, horizontal cracks of more than two inches, and shifting of the residence on the foundation of more than six inches
- Residences with a water line 18 inches above the floor in an essential living space, a water line above the electrical outlets, or a water line on the first floor when basement is completely full



Destroyed: Conventionally built structures

NOTE: One photo per dwelling is requested in this category.

The residence is a total loss, or damaged to such an extent that repair is not feasible. Any of the following factors may constitute a status of destroyed:

- Complete failure of two or more major structural components e.g. collapse of basement walls, foundation, load-bearing walls, or roof
- Only foundation remains
- A residence that is in imminent threat of collapse because of disaster-related damage or confirmed imminent danger - e.g. impending landslides, mudslides, or sinkholes.



Inaccessible: Conventionally built structures and manufactured homes

Homes located on the flooded road are generally counted as inaccessible. For those residences that have damage that can be clearly viewed from a safe vantage point, a damage level should also be assigned.

Affected: Manufactured home

This category includes residences with cosmetic damage only. It also applies to residences with damage to a porch, carport, garage, and/or an outbuilding.



Minor: Manufactured home

The residence is damaged and requires minimal repairs. Some of the items that determine minor damage are listed below:

- There is no structural damage to the residence and it has not been displaced from the foundation
- Nonstructural components have sustained damage e.g. windows, doors, wall coverings roof, bottom board insulation, ductwork, and/or utility hook up
- Water line is below the floor system
- HVAC interior mechanical unit is impacted



Major: Manufactured home

NOTE: One photo per dwelling is requested in this category

The residence has sustained structural or significant damage that requires extensive repairs. Any one of the following may constitute major damage:

- The residence has been displaced from the foundation, block or piers, and other structural components have been damaged
- Water has come into contact with the floor system to include belly board insulation, ductwork, and subflooring



Destroyed: Manufactured home

NOTE: One photo per dwelling is requested in this category.

The residence is a total loss. Any one of the following factors may constitute a status of destroyed regardless of the cause of damage due by disaster:

- The residence's frame is bent, twisted, or otherwise compromised
- The residence is missing the roof covering and the structural ribbing has collapsed for the majority of the roof system



Even if the county or state makes the threshold for IA or PA, FEMA is still going to rely heavily on the IMPACT caused the disaster(s) to make their decision. The more evidence that we can provide when requesting a federal disaster declaration the quicker a decision will be made and help will arrive to our communities.

The impact statement should not dwell on financial losses only, but the hardships and challenges encountered by the community including casualties, stresses on special needs populations, tasking of Emergency Responders, loss of vital services and utilities or any other clear and compelling justification for Federal assistance to help in recovering from the effects of the event.

- Counties <u>must provide</u> following information when requesting a Federal Disaster Declaration (s) for SBA, IA and PA.
 - Describe deaths and/or injuries in relation the event
 - Describe voluntary agency assistance provided; for example, American Red Cross
 - Indicate affected jurisdictions status in reference to disaster declarations
 - Provide efforts taken to respond, including current actions pending

- Provide a 12 month historical on past disasters, include pertinent factors, such as economic, geographic and demographic factors.
- Describe the <u>overall impact</u> of the event, be sure to include how communities and jurisdictions were affected. Topics may include, but are not limited to the following:
- Dwellings, critical infrastructure and critical facilities, emergency conditions that present health and safety hazards, status of repairs and estimated completion date.
- Provide <u>efforts taken</u> to respond, including current actions pending

Module 3: Hazard Mitigation

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Hazard Mitigation

 Reducing, eliminating, redirecting, or avoiding the effects of hazards

Hazard Mitigation Plan

- Identifies hazards and risks to communities
- Intends to reduce impact from hazards

Benefits

- Reduces loss of life, property, and financial assets
- Reduces recovery costs
- Increases funding for mitigation projects

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Questions



Conclusion

"We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone."

Ronald Reagan